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SUBJECT: NEW VERSION OF THREAT AGAINST SOMARE

REF: PORT MORESBY 129

1. CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE ANNOUNCED IN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY THAT REPORTS ABOUT THE THREAT AGAINST HIS LIFE WERE RESULT OF MIS-UNDERSTANDING. HE SAID DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER GUISE HAD PRESENTED FACTS "EXACTLY AS THEY WERE BELIEVED TO BE AT THAT TIME" BUT IN REALITY THE TELEPHONE CALL CAME FROM INDIVIDUAL WHO ONLY WANTED TO WARN SOMARE THAT HE HAD OVERHEARD THREATS AGAINST SOMARE'S LIFE.

2. COMMENT: THIS RATHER EMBARRASSING RETRACTION SEEMS TO INDICATE SOMARE'S DECISION TO DOWNPLAY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EPISODE. SOMARE WILL TAKE TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY IN SEPIK TO GET MUCH NEEDED REST.

3. AUSTRALIAN OFFICE BELIEVES SOMARE IS IN A STRONGER
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POSITION THAN EVER BECAUSE OTHER POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN JARRED

BY THOUGHT THAT PNG MIGHT HAVE TO GET ALONG WITHOUT HIM. EVEN
DISCOUNTING PRO-SOMARE BIAS OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICE, WE THINK THIS
MAY WELL BE TRUE.
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